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GOVERNORS RATCHET UP PRESSURE FOR GAS PRICE ANSWERS
Bi-Partisan Request for Congressional Investigation

PHOENIX – Governor Janet Napolitano – as part of a bi-partisan group of 22 governors nationwide – fired off a letter to Congress pressuring for a full investigation of the spike in gasoline prices.

The letter questions why prices are rising so rapidly, even in advance of the traditional increases generally seen around Memorial Day, at the start of the summer driving season. It also raises doubts about reports that refinery capability is the issue, saying that excuse actually raises more questions than answers:

“Reliability, capacity and supply issues have been at the forefront of federal energy policy for years. It is difficult to understand how oil companies can be making record profits each quarter without making capital investments in refineries that would address reliability issues.”

“The frustration for American families is that they continue to feel the pinch, while – at the same time – they can’t get a plain, honest answer as to why prices continue to climb,” added Governor Napolitano. “Congress has the ability to help us get to the bottom of this.”

The letter points out that many industry-based observers believe prices may hit \$4 a gallon by late summer.

A copy of the letter is attached.

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